



THE GLASS CIRCLE

Simon Wain-Hobson: *Cordial glasses and all that*

Tuesday, 27 June 2017



Cordials glasses are among the most delightfully proportioned Georgian glasses. Strong alcohols obviously need smaller bowls than do wine glasses. A small bowl mounted on a tall thick stem is the quintessential cordial glass. However, when delving into the literature comment quickly diverges and all sorts of qualifiers creep in. We have Irish, short, semi, deceptive, toastmaster's and even deceptive toastmaster's cordials, terms that are rarely accompanied by any explanation. Probably due to their attractiveness and collectability some wine glasses are assimilated into the cordial glass group. The talk will provide an analysis of cordial glass dimensions and bowl capacities that reveal the variety of alcohols that were drunk during their heyday. It will attempt to highlight the misnomers and oxymorons and place these lovely glasses in their 18th century context, for they were glasses of the well to do.



Simon Wain-Hobson is a Professor at the Pasteur Institute, Paris. Born in London to a family of artists, he has a DPhil. from Oxford University. He was the first to determine the genetic blueprint of the AIDS virus HIV, and has worked 27 years on

HIV. Now working on cancer therapy, he founded a biotech company that has three clinical cancer trials ongoing.

Meeting Place: **The Art Workers' Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1N 3AT** (Gradidge Room, first floor – please give notice if you need help with mobility)

Co-Hosts: *We are seeking co-hosts please*

Time: The lecture will start promptly at **19.15**. Coffee and light refreshments are provided from 18.30. The meeting will finish by 21.00

NB There is a charge of £10 each per meeting.

Queen Square lies between Southampton Row and Gt. Ormond St. It can be reached by Underground using either Russell Sq. (Piccadilly) or Holborn (Piccadilly and Central). Buses 68, 91, 168 and 188 run along Southampton Row and 19, 38, 55 and 505 along Theobald's Rd. Access by car is one-way only: take the first turning to the left off Theobald's Rd (after the junction with Southampton Row) into Old Gloucester St which continues into Queen Sq. The Artworkers' Guild is half way along on the left. The congestion charge finishes at 6.00. Cars may readily be parked in the square after 6.30 free of charge.

Next Meetings: Thursday 12 October, Thursday 9th November

NB We need to know if you will attend the meeting for numbers restrictions, for catering or unforeseen changes.

Please return this slip by to: Anne Lutyens-Stobbs, 8 Millers Croft, Gt Baddow, Chelmsford, CM2 8JL, tel. (01245) 604518 or email: annelh60@hotmail.com by 24th June.

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I/we will bring..... Guests (£15.00 each) and enclose a cheque made payable to *The Glass Circle* for £.....
(If you wish to be a future co-host please tick the box and enclose a cheque for £15.00).

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